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1. SUMMARY: IN HIS DEPARTURE STATEMENT BEFORE LEAVING FOR
MONTREUX, PRIMIN ECEVIT PROMISED TO TAKE UP SPECIFIC
BILATERAL PROBLEMS DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH PRIMIN CARAMANLIS.

PRESS REPORTING OF THE SUMMIT IS CHARACTERIZED BY RESTRAINT OVER POSSIBLE OUTCOME BUT SATISFACTION THAT PRIMINS WILL MEET IN SPITE OF OBSTACLES. EDITORIALISTS WAVERING BETWEEN HOPE AND DOUBT. GENERALLY, THEY EXPRESS THE OPINION THAT CARAMANLIS' ROOM FOR MANEUVER IS LIMITED AND SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME DEPENDS ON ECEVIT. END SUMMARY

2. IN UPBEAT AIRPORT DEPARTURE STATEMENT ON THE EVE OF THE MONTREUX SUMMIT, PRIMIN ECEVIT EMPHASIZED NEED TO ESTABLISH DIALOGUE AND OPEN THE WAY TO MORE PRODUCTIVE EFFORTS AND MEETINGS. HE MADE REFERENCE TO THE AEGEAN CONTROVERSY AND SAID THAT HE AND PRIMIN CARAMANLIS WILL TAKE UP ISSUES SUCH AS "THE AIR SPACE, THE SEA, AND THE SEABED... AND THE PRESENCE OF GREEK ARMED FORCES ON THE (AEGEAN) ISLANDS IN VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS". HE ADDED, "OUR INTENTIONS ARE TO TAKE FIRST STEPS IN ESTABLISHING COOPERATION IN MANY FIELDS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES... AND TO SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS FROM WHICH BOTH COUNTRIES WILL BENEFIT". END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. ON MARCH 8 A HIGHLY PLACED MFA OFFICIAL CONFIRMED TO US THAT, ON SPECIFIC QUESTIONS SUCH AS THE AEGEAN, ECEVIT PLANS TO DISCUSS VARIOUS PROPOSALS FOR SETTLEMENT SO THAT NEGOTIATORS WILL HAVE CLEAR GUIDELINES FOR FUTURE TALKS. END CONFIDENTIAL.

4. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. TURKISH PRESS ON MARCH 9 IS RESTRAINED
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IN ITS COVERAGE OF UPCOMING SUMMIT. USUALLY SENSATIONAL GUNAYDIN HEADLINES ITS STORY, "FACE TO FACE WITH MAJOR INTERNAL PROBLEMS, THEY ARE GOING TO MONTREUX WATCHING BEHIND THEM". PRESS REPORTS STRESS FACTORS WHICH WEIGH AGAINST ANY DRAMATIC OUTCOME. PRESS SEEMS TO BE CONSCIOUSLY AVOIDING BUILD UP OF UNWARRANTED EXPECTATIONS, ALTHOUGH THERE IS UNDERTONE OF SATISFACTION THAT THE TWO PRIMINS HAVE OVERCOME OBSTACLES AND APPARENTLY WILL MEET.

5. EDITORIALIST GENERALLY POINT OUT CONSTRAINTS ON TWO PRIMINS BUT REACH DIFFERING CONCLUSIONS ON POSSIBLE OUTCOME OF THE TALKS. METIN TOKER, WRITING IN HURRIYET, SAYS HE IS HOPEFUL. PRIMIN CARAMANLIS WANTS A PERIOD OF GOOD RELATIONS, AND HE WANTS TO DISCUSS WAYS TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL. CARAMANLIS HAS AVOIDED SPEAKING OUT AGAINST TURKEY. HE HAS SHOWN GOODWILL. HIS ATTITUDE, HOWEVER, CLASHES WITH THAT OF THE GREEK PRESS AND SOME GREEKS. CARAMANLIS HAS THE ADVANTAGE OF BEING IN POWER, AND NEARING THE END OF HIS LONG CAREER, POLITICAL RECONCILIATION WITH TURKEY WOULD BE A "BRIGHT STAR" ON HIS RECORD, SAYS TOKER. HE ADDS THAT THE SUMMIT IS THREATENED BY THOSE WHO FEAR THE ENDING OF THE EMBARGO AND THE LIFTING OF ECONOMIC PRESSURE ON TURKEY. THE ISSUES BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY RESULT FROM A LACK

OF CONFIDENCE, AND THE FAILURE OF THEIR LEADERS TO SIT DOWN
AND DISCUSS MATTERS LIKE CIVILIZED PERSONS HAS MADE PROBLEMS
WORSE. TOKER CONCLUDES THAT THE POSSIBILITIES FOR A SUCCESSFUL
SUMMIT ARE ENHANCED BY ECEVIT'S PERSONAL, CHARMING STYLE, AND
HE HOPES THAT ECEVIT CAN CONVINCE CARAMANLIS THAT HIS
'ATTACK FOR PEACE' IS SINCERE.

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6. ALSO WRITING IN HURRIYET, CUNEYT ARCAYUREK STATES THAT
THE TURKISH EMBASSY IN ATHENS HAS REPORTED THAT PRIMIN CARAMANLIS
IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS ALL ISSUES, INCLUDING CYPRUS PROPOSALS

WHICH HE WILL TAKE UP WITH KYPIANOU. BUT, SAYS ARCAYUREK,
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CARAMANLIS IS UNDER PRESSURE AT HOME. HE IS BEING BLAMED FOR BEING DUPED BY ECEVIT WHOSE GAME, ACCORDING TO THE GREEK PRESS, IS TO END THE EMBARGO. ECEVIT'S REAL PURPOSE IS TWOFOLD: TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE OF MUTUAL CONFIDENCE AND LAY THE GROUND WORK FOR FUTURE SUMMITS WHERE THE DIALOGUE CAN CONTINUE. AT THE SAME TIME CARAMANLIS IS "BETWEEN TWO FIRES;" HE MUST SHOW THE WORLD HE IS FAVORABLY DISPOSED TO THE SUMMIT WHILE PORTRAYING IT AS A FAILURE AT HOME. HE WANTS TO ESCAPE ECEVIT'S "PEACE OFFENSIVE" WITH MINIMAL DAMAGE, ASSERTS ARCAYUREK. EVERYTHING WILL DEPEND ON ECEVIT'S ABILITY, AND ACCORDING TO ARCAYUREK, HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS IN ANKARA ARE EXPRESSING "DOUBTFUL AND CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM."

7. IN AN EDITORIAL IN OPPOSITION TERCUMAN, GUNERI CIVAAGLU WRITES, "OUR HANDS ARE TIED BY TWO PROBLEMS: THE ARMS EMBARGO AND THE ECONOMIC EMBARGO. ECEVIT'S 'PEACE OFFENSIVE' IS AIMED AT RIDDING TURKEY OF THESE SHACKLES BY INFLUENCING WASHINGTON TO LIFT THE EMBARGO... HE CANNOT EXPECT FINAL SOLUTIONS TO TURKEY'S PROBLEMS TO BE FOUND AT MONTREUX, BUT HE CAN OPEN THE WAY TO FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS ON CYPRUS AND MELT THE ICE IN WASHINGTON."

8. MILLIYET COLUMNIST SAMI COHEN, WARNS THAT NO MIRACLES CAN BE EXPECTED FROM THE SUMMIT. THE START OF A HIGH LEVEL DIALOGUE CAN, HOWEVER, PERMIT THE DIALOGUE TO CONTINUE AT A LOWER LEVEL AND THAW THE FREEZE WHICH FOLLOWED THE 1975 SUMMIT MEETING. IF ANYTHING IS TO BE ACHIEVED, COHEN ADDS, GREECE MUST REFRAIN FROM INCITING THE UNITED STATES ON THE EMBARGO AND ADOPT A SINCERE ATTITUDE TOWARD NEGOTIATIONS.
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